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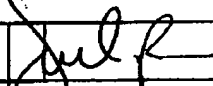
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Dear Sir:

This letter is in reply to the Office Action mailed September 12, 2005.

Election Requirement

This application was made subject to an election of species requirement on the basis that the embodiments shown in (I) Figures 3 and 4; (II) Figures 5 and 6; and (III) Figure 7 are patentably distinct from one another.

Applicant hereby elects Group I for prosecution with traverse. The election requirement is traversed to the extent that it is alleged that Figures 3 and 4 represent a species patentably distinct from that of Figures 5 and 6. As clearly set forth in the present specification (see, e.g., page 4, lines 1-6 and text spanning page 6, line 21 through page 7, line 8), Figures 3 and 4 depict a heating member while Figures 5 and 6 depict a seal. These elements are distinct from one another and coexist with one another as elements of a flex seal assembly. As such, it cannot reasonably be stated that these elements are mutually exclusive variants of a single element. Withdrawal of the election requirement with respect to Groups (I) and (II) is respectfully requested.